

# TEMPTATION

## 1 Corinthians 10:13

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### Eight truths found in 1 Corinthians 10:13:

1. Temptation takes hold on every saved person.
  2. The nature of temptation is not unique.
  3. Only God is true and faithful.
  4. God does not permit us to face a sin we cannot refuse.
  5. Refusing to sin is a choice that we must make.
  6. With every temptation, there is a way of escape.
  7. The way of escape is only available at the time the temptation takes hold.
  8. We are able to bear whatever God allows to be set before us.
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### Every person is tempted.

**Temptation:** an enticement by evil arguments, by flattery, or by the offer of some real or apparent good. It is an invitation to sin, not the act of sin. It is an opportunity to displease the Lord and to hurt yourself.

Temptation aims at your passions, enticing you to do something evil by presenting you with prospects of pleasure or advantage. [Consider how the serpent tempted Eve in the Garden]

Temptation allures by appealing to our pride or our selfishness. We are shown the positive side of what is being offered. The ruin that will result is kept hidden.

### **Satan tempted Christ in the wilderness** (Luke 4:1-12):

1. He offered Him the kingdoms (power).
2. He offered food to a hungry man.
3. He suggested a way for Jesus to gain the adoration and praise of men.

The Lord refused the temptations because each of them required that He go against the word of God.

The Devil wants you to sin so he can show God that you don't really love Him. Satan delights in telling God that you chose his way over God's way.

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**Temptation...is common to man.** Temptation is not a sin. Jesus Christ was in all points tempted...yet without sin (Heb 4:15). "All points" are outlined in 1 John 2:16.

Satan first tries to get our eyes off all the blessings God has given us. Then he plays on our pride and our lust to get us to stray. (It worked on him, Isa 14:11-15). Control your flesh, eyes, and pride!

**Temptation is common to each of us,** regardless of our circumstances.

- Jesus Christ: in the wilderness with no food.
  - Adam and Eve: in the Garden with plenty of food.
  - Young man, old man; rich man, poor man; etc.
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## **Temptation is manageable if you take the way of escape.**

The promise is not that God will not ALLOW you to be tempted with something you can't handle.

The promise is that God will make a way of escape. If you take God's way, the temptation will not take hold of you and ruin you. You can have instant victory over every temptation.

The best way to avoid taking a wrong turn presented by a temptation is to read the guidebook God provided for us.

- The Holy Bible will show you what road leads to joy and happiness, and it will show you what leads to ruin and despair (Psalm 119:11, 1 Corinthians 2:16).
- The Lord will show you the right path to take if you will trust Him (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- The Devil also want to show you a way to go that is contrary to God's way (Isaiah 30:21).
- God told us to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16) and walk in the light (1 John 1:7).
- We need to view temptation as a danger that we must **"escape"** from.
  - Flee fornication (1 Cor 6:18).
  - Flee from idolatry (1 Cor 10:14).
  - Flee also youthful lusts (2 Tim 2:22).
  - Flee the love of money (1 Tim 6:10-11).
- Those who refused God's truth and ended up in trouble cannot say God didn't warn them (1 Thess 5:3, Heb 2:3, Heb 12:25). God provided a way of escape. They didn't take it.

## **James 1:12-16**

There is a crown of life prepared for the Christian who chooses God's way over any other way that may try to tempt you.

- Other ways make an appeal to your flesh or your pride and promise pleasure.
- Since we can't see where the road ends, we'd better consult with the only One who knows what is at the end of each road and trust what He said in the Bible.
- When you get on the wrong road, you won't get off until it is finished with you (James 1:15).
- The Holy Bible will show you the right way to go.
  - The world, the flesh, and the Devil will entice you to go the wrong way.
- Obeying God and staying on the right road reveals that we love Him (James 1:12).
- Disobeying God and giving-in to temptation reveals a lack of love for God, and gives Satan pleasure, as he throws your disloyalty and lack of love in God's face.
- A child's willingness to obey their parent is a testimony of their love for their parent (3 John 4).
- Willingness to obey the Lord's commandments shows that you love Him (John 14:15, 1 John 5:3).
  - Going another way shows that you're only using God.

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We need to deal with temptations immediately as they come to us. God is not asking you to quit all your vices and sins all at once; just deal with each one as you come to that crossroad. Take them one at a time.